

# Protestant Reformation

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# The Protestant Reformation

The Protestant Reformation(1517) was a 16th century religious, intellectual, political, and cultural movement that would define the modern era. In central and northern Europe, reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin had questioned the papal authority and the Catholic Church's definition of catholicism. The revolution's purpose was to remove tradition as a major religious authority, but more so the Bible should be the defining matter for the religion. This revolution caused wars, prosecutions, and a thing called the Counter- Reformation, which was the Catholic Church's delayed, but violent response to the change. Historians say that the revolution had ended anywhere from 1555 to 1648.



# Martin Luther

Martin Luther(Monk) started to question the practices of the Catholic Church as he read through and studied the bible. He thought the bible and Catholic Church disagreed and he made a list of 95 points about where the church didn't follow the bible.



# John Calvin

Calvin studied law and philosophy at the university of Paris. Calvin created a system of Protestant theology. He taught that men and women are sinful by nature. He believed that God chose certain people to be 'saved'. That God has known since the beginning of time who would be saved. In the 1530's he came under the influence of French followers of Luther. Calvin fled when King Francis ordered these Protestants be arrested. Calvin and his followers regulated morality in Geneva. Calvinism is described as strict and grim. Calvin taught that people should enjoy God's gifts.



# Modern Ideas

People started to question authority and not accept who was above them. Religion should follow the Bible and not tradition. Followers wanted a Bible reading pastor and not one that is corrupted by money. The Idea that people can be re-married was brought on by Henry wanting to divorce Catherine of Aragon.

